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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 28, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment and remarks for the examiner's consideration.